

## **Minutes of Meeting held on 14 July 2008 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall**

### **Present**

Mr M Jones (Chair), Mr D Atkinson, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs R Sparey, Mr R Smith (Herefordshire Council), CSO Fiona Witcher, the clerk and two members of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

Mr A Phillips

CSO Witcher gave an update and it was agreed to hold a Smart water evening for the public in late September.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Mr D Atkinson: Item 11 Prejudicial. Signed interests book

**3. Minutes of Meeting held on 19 May 2008** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Rospa report received – site considered in excellent order and four low risk jobs to be carried out. Clerk to obtain quote for securing base of seat and fix table top. Due to ill health Mr Deeley was unable to undertake the weekly inspections so until he is fully recovered Mrs Trew had agreed to carry these out.

Cae Duff pipe had been jetted last week.

Sir Peter De la Billiere confirmed he would be able to attend the September meeting.

Affordable homes- Keith Parry had advised that talks with owners were progressing.

### **5. Correspondence**

Letter from Herefordshire Council informing of new arrangements for conducting election counts – all counting will now take place in the Town Hall in Hereford.

Parish Council rep for Garway Commoners Assoc -Resignation letter received from Mrs R Sparey. Mrs Trew will continue as the Representative.

### **6. Planning Matters**

DCSW2008/0843/F Land to the rear of 13 Fairview. **Invalid application:** inadequate plans and appropriate fee not paid

DCSW2007/2372/F. Daren Barn, Broad Oak. **Appeal upheld**

DCSW2008/1473/F Upper Town, Garway. Two storey extension to dwelling (resubmission), previously circulated. **Supported**

DCSW2008/1259/F Little Whitelands, Broad Oak. Alterations and extension to existing building. Enclosure of swimming pool, change of use of existing barn to ancillary use and alteration of domestic curtilage. Previously circulated. **Supported**

DCSW2008/1479/F. Southwell Court, Broad Oak. Change of use of agricultural barn to retail use. Previously circulated. **Supported.**

### **7. Financial Matters**

Mr Atkinson declared a prejudicial interest in invoice received for hire of the Hall -signed the interests book and left the room

Invoice received from Garway Village Hall trustees for £54 for hire of Hall .18 sessions at £3. per session. 2006/7/08 to March. Agreed to pay. The Trustees advised of an increase to £10 per session wef 1 April 2008. Mrs Partridge proposed that the council accept this increase. Seconded Mrs Trew and carried.

Mr Atkinson returned to the meeting

Invoice from Herefordshire Council re Rospa inspection £51.96 . Proposed Mrs Trew seconded Mr Atkinson to pay.

Advice of VAT claimed £364.76 to 31.3.2008. credited to Bank account

#### **8. BT removal of telephone box at Broad Oak – to consider consultation response from Council to BT.**

54 calls had been made from this box in the previous 12 months. It was agreed to forward comments to H/C. who were preparing a response of behalf of the parishes – Crucial to community in emergency planning. BT have a duty of care to rural areas. Deliberate strategy to reduce usage of coin kiosks to cards only. Mobile coverage unequal in the area.

#### **9. Parish Plan – request to council to consider undertaking a Parish Plan.**

Following a request to revisit this an updated Parish Plan information pack would be circulated around the members before next meeting. Agenda item in September.

#### **10. Garway Common maintenance – hedge trimming**

It was proposed by Mr Atkinson that the ditch between allotments and football pitch would be trimmed in the autumn. Mr Jones would organise this with a local contractor- approx 2 hours work at £18.50 per hour. Seconded Mrs Sparey.

#### **11. Pest Control – review of present arrangements**

Mr Atkinson left the room.

Following improvement to the hall A & A Pest control advised that they could scale back visits to every six weeks, however, repairs to the door as requested still needed to be carried out. Clerk to advice Hall Trustees.

#### **12. Completion by Council of Statement of Parish Council Risk Schedule**

The statement for 2008 was completed by the Council.

#### **13. Clerks wages and expenses.**

Proposed Mr Atkinson and seconded Mrs R Sparey to pay expenses of £48.68 and wages of £231.50 to date.

#### **14. Parish Matters**

Footpath maintenance contractors not carrying ID. Clerk to contact Rights of Way Dept. H/C.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.